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SUBJECT: USG EMERGENCY RELIEF TO WAR VICTIMS IN
ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES

REF: STATE 209251

1. AS DEPT AWARE, WARTIME SITUATION IN ISRAEL DOES NOT
LOOK LIKE CLASSIC DISASTER SITUATION CONTEMPLATED BY
2 FAM 060.

2. THERE HAS BY ALL ACCOUNTS BEEN SOME DAMAGE TO
ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS NORTH OF ISRAEL FROM
FEDAYEEN SHELLING AND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO ISRAELI
SETTLEMENTS AND DRUZE VILLAGES ON GOLAN HEIGHTS FROM
SYRIAN MISSILE AND AIR ATTACKS. PRESS REPORTS CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES FROM TERRORIST SHELLING FROM LEBANON HAVE
BEEN ONE DEAD AND 16 WOUNDED DURING OCT 6-21. THIS WAS RESULT
OF 202 INCIDENTS.

3. FROM FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW, GOI AND JEWISH AGENCY
POSSESS ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO DO THE JOB OF REPAIRING
DAMAGE TO SETTLEMENTS ESPECIALLY IF PRESIDENT'S
REQUEST FOR DOLS 2.2 MILLION EMERGENCY SECURITY IS APPROVED.
NO ONE IN ISRAEL WOULD COMPLAIN IF DISASTER
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RELIEF FUNDS WERE NOT USED FOR ITS SETTLEMENTS, UNLESS

LARGE PROGRAM WERE INITIATED IN SYRIA AND EGYPT.

4. I CAN SEE SOME POLITICAL ADVANTAGES TO US IDENTIFICATION WITH REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO SETTLEMENTS. AID CHARACTERIZED AS CLEARLY HUMANITARIAN IN CONTRAST TO MILITARY MIGHT EASE SOME POLITICAL PROBLEMS GOI FACES IN RESTRAINING POPULATION OF NORTH WHICH FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT REVENGE ON LEBANON FOR SHELLING GOL IS SEEN AS PERMITTING.

5. WE SEE LITTLE SCOPE FOR ICRC OR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE ACTIVITIES AMONG ISRAELI POPULATION AFFECTED, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY SERVED BY ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND JEWISH VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INDICATIONS OF DEPT'S WISHES.
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